

AGU's Influence and Network Grows, Creating Policy Impact



As of 30 June, **AGU received 23 bipartisan requests for information, feedback or support** on legislation or policy — on pace to **double the number of requests in 2024.**

AGU provided expertise on issues ranging from graduate student financial instability to NASA and NOAA legislation, federal funding for science and the impact of the Administration's executive orders on federal science agencies.

Recent highlights:

- ▶ On 7 May, AGU was quoted in a [press release](#) from Senator Padilla upon introduction of the RESEARCHER Act.
- ▶ On 9 June, an [E&E News article](#) highlighted advocacy by AGU and the [USGS Coalition](#), which AGU co-chairs, to prevent the Administration's proposed cuts to the USGS Ecosystems Mission Area.
- ▶ [Rep. Foster \(D-IL\) gave a speech](#) on the House Floor referencing an issue raised by AGU Local Science Partner, Mike Phillips, regarding lost funding for the National Association for Geoscience Teachers (NAGT) - USGS Cooperative Summer Fellowship program.

In partnership with other science policy stakeholders, AGU has been fighting to stop cuts and increase funding for the federal Earth and space sciences.

- ▶ For the second year, AGU supported Congressional letters to House and Senate Appropriators increasing funding for NASA's Science Mission Directorate. Almost 90 Representatives signed onto the letter, double from 2024.
- ▶ AGU helped secure Congressional support for the first letter to House Appropriations calling for an increase to NOAA funding.
- ▶ In partnership with dozens of other stakeholders, AGU participated in a Congressional Visits Day advocating for increased funding for NSF on the agency's 75th anniversary in May.



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